(ii) To provide easy accessibility to housing finance, the National Houing Bank has been set up.

(iii) HUDCO's financial operations has been sufficiently stepped up.

(iv) The National Housing Policy has envisaged removing shelterlessness by the turn of the century.

(v) Under the Rural House Sites-cum-Construction Assistance Scheme for landless workers, a provision of Rs. 577 crores has been made. Of this, Rs. 36 crores would be utilised to provide developed house-sites of 90 sq. mtrs each to 7.2 lakh landless families at the rate of Rs. 500 per family and Rs. 541 crores would be utilised for the provision of construction assistance to 271 lakh families at the rate of Rs. 2000 per family.

(vi) During the last four years of the Seventh Five Year Plan, the achievements has been as follows—

——31.42 lakh plots were allotted to landless workers in rural areas.

—15.24 lakh families were given construction assistance.

—4.58 lakh dwelling units have been constructed under the Indira Awas Yojana.

—69.66 lakh persons in urban slums were covered by the scheme of Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums.

—5.58 lakh dwelling units were constructed for the economically weaker sections of the population.

(vii) With a view to removing shelterless-ness. Government of India has approved a scheme for provision of shelter to the pavement dwellers in the metropolitan cities. Two schemes costing Rs. 34 lakhs and Rs. 89.88 lakhs have been sanctioned for Calcutta and Madras respectively.

Laying of Additional Pipe line in Vasant Vihar

453. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 500 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th February, 1988 nad state:

(a) whether the work of laying an additional water pipeline from the JNU side has been completed;

(b) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed in the matter for inordinate delay in its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The work of laying additional pipelines from JNU side has been completed in September, 1988. However, the same has not yet been connected with the MCD mainline. This is likely to be completed by the MCD by the end of March, 1989.

IARI Programme for Transfer of Technology to Farmers of UP

454. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Institute of Agricultural Research Institute is contemplating to bring a revolution in the deep interiors of Uttar Pradesh through its programme of transfer of technology to the farmers;